

Application No. 10/646,697
Reply dated July 7, 2005
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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application, with claim 11 being amended.

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, drawn to the subject matter shown in FIG.1; and

Species II, drawn to the subject matter shown in FIG. 5;

In addition, the Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Sub-species A, drawn to the subject matter shown in FIG. 2;

Sub-species A, drawn to the subject matter shown in FIG. 3;

Sub-species A, drawn to the subject matter shown in FIG. 4; and

The Examiner states that claim 1 is generic.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, the Applicant elects, with traverse, Species I, Sub-species A, with claims 1-10.

TRAVERSAL

It is respectfully submitted that the election of species requirement is improper in view of the fact that a reasonable number of species is set forth in the present application.

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The Examiner will note that the original independent claim 11 has been rewritten in dependent form, and now depends from generic independent claim 1. If the Examiner considers generic claim 1 as being allowable, then all of claims 1-20 should be examined in a single application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his election of species requirement and act on all of the claims in the present application. If the Examiner does persist in his election of species requirement, the Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims at a later date if they so desire.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Carl T. Thomsen (Reg. No. 50,786) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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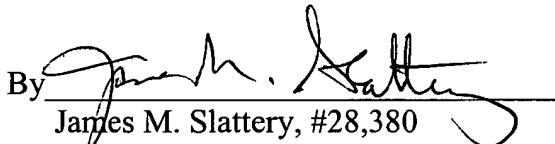
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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